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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

New Listing of Claims:

1. A firefighting implement, comprising:
an axe blade, wherein the axe blade comprises a cutting edge and a notched edge;
a handle mount, coupled to the axe blade at a surface opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade, wherein the handle mount is capable of being coupled to a handle shaft; and
a front blade, coupled to the handle mount at a surface away from the axe blade, wherein the front blade comprises a substantially flat upper surface, a substantially flat lower surface, a lateral edge, wherein the lateral edge is substantially perpendicular to the upper surface and the lower surface, and a toothed edge, wherein the toothed edge of the front blade is on the extremity opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade.
2. The implement of Claim 1, further comprising a socket.
3. (Withdrawn) The implement of Claim 2, wherein the socket is in the front blade.
4. The implement of Claim 2, wherein the socket is capable of loosening fire hydrant bolts.
5. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade is the lower surface of the axe blade.
6. (Withdrawn) The implement of Claim 1, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade is the upper surface of the axe blade.
7. The implement of Claim 1, further comprising a second notched edge.
8. The implement of Claim 5 4, wherein the notched edge comprises a plurality of notches.

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9. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the toothed edge of the front blade comprises a plurality of teeth.
10. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the front blade comprises titanium.
11. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the axe blade comprises titanium.
12. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the axe blade, the handle mount, and the front blade are contiguous.
13. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the implement is cast into a single piece of metal.
14. The implement of Claim 1, further comprising a handle.
15. The implement of Claim 1, wherein the handle is adjustable.
16. (Withdrawn) A method of making a firefighting implement, comprising:
casting into a single piece of metal, a firefighting implement comprising:
an axe blade, wherein the axe blade comprises a cutting edge and a notched edge;
a handle mount to the axe blade at a surface opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade, wherein the handle mount is capable of being coupled to a handle shaft; and
a front blade to the handle mount at a surface away from the axe blade, wherein the front blade comprises a substantially flat upper surface, a substantially flat lower surface, a lateral edge, wherein the lateral edge is substantially perpendicular to the upper surface and the lower surface, and a toothed edge, wherein the toothed edge of the front blade is on the extremity opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade.
17. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the firefighting implement further comprises a socket.

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18. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 17, wherein the socket is capable of loosening fire hydrant bolts.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade is the lower surface of the axe blade.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade is the upper surface of the axe blade.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade comprises one notch.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, wherein the notched edge of the axe blade comprises a plurality of notches.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 16, further comprising coupling a handle to the handle mount.

24. (Withdrawn) A method of making a firefighting implement, comprising:
using an axe blade, wherein the axe blade comprises a cutting edge and a notched edge;
coupling a handle mount to the axe blade at a surface opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade, wherein the handle mount is capable of being coupled to a handle shaft; and
coupling a front blade to the handle mount at a surface away from the axe blade, wherein the front blade comprises a substantially flat upper surface, a substantially flat lower surface, a lateral edge, wherein the lateral edge is substantially perpendicular to the upper surface and the lower surface, and a toothed edge, wherein the toothed edge of the front blade is on the extremity opposed to the cutting edge of the axe blade.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, further comprising cutting a socket into the front blade.

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26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, further comprising coupling a handle to the handle mount.